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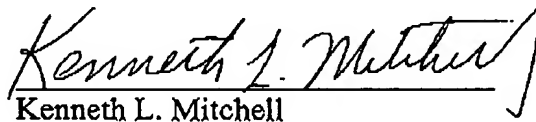
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No : 10/622,436
Applicant : Ruppert
Filed : July 18, 2003
Title : MULTIPLE STAGE DRILL HEAD
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AMENDMENT

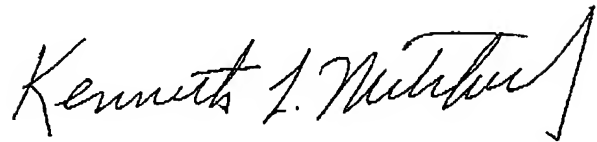
Sir:

In response to the office action of November 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application. Please amend claims 9-11, 19, 20, and 23-25. Please cancel claims 1-8 and 12-18. Claim 21 was previously canceled. Claims 9-11, 19-20, and 22-26 are in

the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Woodling, Krost and Rust

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